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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Heart disease is the number one killer of women,
3 yet is often preventable; and

4 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases cause one in 3 women's
5 deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated 43 million women in the United States
8 are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, Heart disease kills more women than all forms of
10 cancer combined, but is often undiagnosed; and

11 WHEREAS, Ninety percent of women have one or more risk
12 factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in 5
13 American women believe that heart disease is their greatest
14 health threat; and

15 WHEREAS, Women comprise only 24% of participants in all
16 heart-related studies; and

17 WHEREAS, Since 1984, more women than men have died each
18 year from heart disease and the gap between men and women's
19 survival continues to widen; and

1 WHEREAS, Women are less likely to call 911 for themselves
2 when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if
3 someone else were having a heart attack; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women
5 movement has impacted the health of women for the last 10
6 years; more than 627,000 lives have been saved and 330 fewer
7 women are dying every day; and

8 WHEREAS, In celebration of the 10th anniversary of National
9 Wear Red Day on February 7, 2014, Go Red For Women is asking
10 all women across America to Go Red by wearing red and speaking
11 red; Go Red For Women has suggested that women ask their doctor
12 to check their blood pressure and cholesterol, stop smoking,
13 lose weight, exercise, and eat healthy, realize their risk of
14 heart disease, educate their families on the importance of
15 healthy food choices and regular physical activity, and tell
16 every woman they know that heart disease is their number one
17 killer; and

18 WHEREAS, By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart
19 disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for
20 cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each
21 year; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we designate the date of February 7, 2014 as Illinois Wear Red
4 Day in the State of Illinois and urge the citizens of this
5 State to show their support for women and the fight against
6 heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color
7 red; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Go Red For Women as a symbol of our esteem and
10 respect.